

MONTANA WHEAT AND BARLEY COMMITTEE

Summer Board Meeting
Eastern Ag Research Center
1501 N. Central Ave.
Sidney, Montana
Conference Room
June 13, 2013

The following were present for either a portion of or the entire meeting.

DIRECTORS

Milo Mattelin, Chairman
Bruce Myllymaki, Director
Randy Hinebauch, Director
Leonard Schock, Director

Chris Kolstad, Vice Chairman
Frank Schoonover, Director
Tom Siderius, Director

EX-OFFICIOS

Ron de Yong, Director, Montana Department of Agriculture
Dr. Jeff Jacobsen, Dean; MSU College of Agriculture and Director; Montana Ag Experiment Station
Not Present: Byron Grassman, Manager, Mountain View Coop

STAFF

Kim Falcon, Executive Vice President
Tammy Suek, Administrative Assistant

GUESTS

Joel Clairmont, Deputy Director, Department of Agriculture
Mark Weber, Executive Director, Northern Crops Institute

*Chairman Milo Mattelin called the meeting to order at 12:45 p.m. After introduction of board members and guests, **Chairman Mattelin called for public comment and heard none.***

Director Schoonover made the motion to adopt the tentative agenda and Director Myllymaki seconded it. The agenda passed unanimously.

Review of April 3-4, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Executive Vice President Kim Falcon presented the minutes of the April Board Meeting.

Director Siderius moved and Director Hinebauch seconded the motion to approve the minutes with changes. The motion passed unanimously.

Financial Review

Executive Vice President Falcon presented the Financial Statement and Assessment Collection update. There was a discussion concerning National Association of Wheat Growers and compliance.

Director Kolstad moved to accept the financial statement. Director Schoonover seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Budget Finalizing

Executive Vice President Falcon discussed the spending authority and final budget figure.

There was a discussion on the Endowed Chair at MSU and the board requested that a couple of issues will need to be addressed. These include:

- A MW&BC board member must serve on the Endowment Committee (preferably the past chairman). *
- All decisions made by the Endowment Committee must be unanimous. *

Questions included:

- The goal is to raise \$2.5 million for this position, what will happen to MW&BC funds (\$500,000) if goal cannot be achieved?
- Should we establish a timeframe for the fundraising effort?
- What will happen to the endowment if this position is removed from MSU?

Dr. Jacobsen provided information and perspectives on the above questions and Cort Jensen the Department of Ag, Staff Attorney, will be asked to work with the Montana State University Alumni Foundation to address these issues.

The final budget was reviewed. Director Schock requested that the minutes reflect the fact that there will only be \$400,000 left in the reserves after the passage of the budget for FY13-14.

Director Schock moved to accept the FY13-14 budget. Director Schoonover seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

** Dr. Jacobsen clarified post meeting: The advisory committee is the Plant Sciences and Plant Pathology (PSPP) Chair.*

** Dr. Jacobsen clarified post meeting: PSPP Chair and the committee will make recommendations in an advisory capacity. The PSPP Chair committee needs to create their operating procedures, so this may or may not be possible.*

Montana Department of Agriculture

Director Ron de Yong discussed:

A possible change to statutory authority that will need to be implemented in the next Legislative session. The Montana farm organizations will be notified of the issues associated with a change in authority.

Responding to the board request to evaluate the effectiveness of Montana Agriculture Statistics Bulletins and the survey processes performed by National Agriculture Statistics.

The Legislative budget cuts to the weed program so the Department may have to raise fees.

Certified Forage program and making the connection between buyers and sellers.

The MSU Innovation Campus and plans to become a hub for agricultural businesses.

Dr. Jacobsen stated that the funding for the Schutter Diagnostic Lab was vetoed by the Governor but the MAES budget was increased. MAES received funding from the Board of Regents and will be able to get along until next year.

GMO Discussion

Ryan Holt, WestBred Inc., conferenced in to discuss the GMO wheat in Oregon. Monsanto has provided the proper testing equipment to FGIS and our trading partners to insure accuracy. To date, all grain tested in other regions came back negative. Monsanto is changing the structure of their breeding program and moving all breeders to Idaho. However, many technicians will be working in Montana.

Ms. Falcon reported on discussions with our Japanese and Korean buyers. They are anxious for USDA to complete the investigation and want assurance that we are GMO free. We have begun discussion about the future of US Wheat and tolerance levels. Buyers are anxious for Montana representatives to visit Japan and Korea to discuss breeding programs and safety issues.

Missouri River Recovery Implementation Committee (MRRIC)

Chairman Mattelin discussed the Yellowstone Intake project that MT Fish, Wildlife and Parks and the Army Corp of Engineers are working to build a fish detour. MFWP is not happy with the design.

Plains Grains, Inc. & Wheat Foods Council

Director Schoonover talked about the PGI and WFC meetings. The PGI meeting was held in Bozeman where the group toured WestBred, MSU post farm and Roughstock Distillery. The next meeting will be in Portland adjacent to the US Wheat Meeting.

The Wheat Foods Council meeting was held in Lincoln, NE where they discussed their budget, public relations, elections of new officers and the merging of Cargill, Horizon and ConAgri. They also toured Total Manufacturing CO.

Meeting with Molinos Modernos

Director Schock reported on his meeting with Guatemala's top miller Modernos. He thought it was very worthwhile and he has made a lot of good contacts.

Northern Crops Institute (NCI)

Mark Weber, Executive Director of NCI, discussed the upcoming workshops and collaborations with Wheat Marketing Center and International Grains Program. They are remodeling and updating the website. NCI is also working on a food barley program.

Transportation Update

Director Schock gave brief report about increasing freight rates and Director Schoonover will be attending the State and Montana Grain Growers rail meetings.

Public Relations

Chairman Mattelin suggested that we need to meet with the Governor and staff to provide an overview of Montana Wheat & Barley Committee accomplishments and future plans. The fall board meeting will be scheduled in Helena and an invitation will be sent to the governor. Tentative date will be September 30th.

There were other suggestions such as putting talking points into some of the farm magazines and partnering with MSU and others for exposure to producers. We will continue to have a presence at conventions, field days and speak at farm organization meetings.

Executive Vice President's Update

Executive Vice President Falcon was a speaker at the National Pasta Association annual meeting in Florida. She was also a guest speaker for the Montana Agri Women meeting in Billings. Montana Wheat & Barley will sponsor a wheat display and baking oven at the booth at the county fair in August.

Ms. Falcon presented information about the trade teams that are scheduled and the Montana Ag Stats review session in Helena.

Ms. Falcon presented Kent Pattison's report; he gave his first presentation to the Korean Crop Survey team and attended the Montana Farmers Union event in Bozeman.

Steve Becker's report was presented by Ms. Falcon; he reported on the Tunis trade team he visited in North Dakota. The Tunisians have asked Steve to visit their mills and provide more information about contracting durum.

Ms. Falcon asked each of the directors what they would say is left in the bins in their districts; the average was about 25%.

Approval of Staff and Director Travel

New travel events and meetings were added to the calendar.

Director Schock moved to accept the new travel schedule

Director Hinebauch seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Upcoming Events

Jun. 16-19	Korean Crop Survey Team
Jun. 19-21	Portland informational trip for Kent
Jun. 25-27	Japanese Barley Team – Bozeman
Jun. 25	Northern Crops Institute Board Meeting – Fargo, ND
Jun. 26	Field Day – Havre
Jun. 26	MillerCoors Field Day – Power
Jun. 27	Field Day - Bozeman
Jun. 28-Jul. 2	US Wheat Associates Summer Board Meeting – Rapid City, SD
Jul. 4	Independence Day – Office Closed
Jul. 9	Field Day – Moccasin
Jul. 10	Field Day – Conrad
Jul. 18	Field Day – Sidney
Jul. 18	AB Field Day – Fairfield/Conrad
Jul. 21-25	US Wheat Associates World Staff Conference – Vancouver, BC
Jul. 22-25	Wheat Quality Tour – Fargo, ND
Jul. 28-31	US Grains Council Summer Board Meeting – Ottawa, Canada
Aug. 11	Ag Day – Billings
Aug. 13-15	Missouri River Recovery Implementation Committee – Council Bluffs, NE
Sep. 2	Labor Day – Office Closed
Sep. 11-13	U.S. Grains Council Board Meeting – Washington, DC
Oct.	Colombia Barley Mission
Oct. 12	Young Ag Conference – Butte
Oct. 14	Columbus Day – Office Closed
Oct.31-Nov. 1	Wheat Marketing Center Board Meeting – Portland, OR
Nov. 3-6	US Wheat Associates Fall Board Meeting – Portland, OR
Nov. 11	Veterans Day – Office Closed
Nov. 17-20	Latin American Industrial Millers Association (ALIM) – Lima, Peru
Nov. 28	Thanksgiving Day – Office Closed
Dec. 3-5	Montana Grain Growers Convention – Great Falls
Dec. 25	Christmas Day – Office Closed
Jan. 22-25	PNW Wheat Quality Council Section Meeting – Portland, OR

New Business

Tom Siderius reported that there is 200 bushels of foundation seed of Hard White Winter wheat, and it has a higher yield than Yellowstone. Kim Falcon reported that this is an opportunity to promote this grain in the tortilla market.

The board asked Dr. Jacobsen to be the guest speaker at the Montana Grain Growers Convention in December during the Montana Wheat and Barley Committee session. He will discuss current research and accomplishments funded by Montana Wheat & Barley Committee.

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After asking for public comment and hearing none Chairman Mattelin adjourned the meeting at 5:20 pm.

Kim Falcon, Executive Vice President

Date